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Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-0188

2002



**It's Convenient,
Safe, and Secure**

IRS e-file is the IRS's electronic filing program. Now you can get an automatic extension of time to file your tax return by filing Form 4868 electronically. You will receive an electronic acknowledgment or confirmation number once you complete the transaction. Keep it with your records. **Do not** send in Form 4868 if you file electronically.

Complete Form 4868 to use as a worksheet. If you think you may owe tax when you file your return, you will need to estimate your total tax liability and subtract how much you have already paid (lines 4, 5, and 6 below).

If you think you may owe tax and wish to make a payment, you may pay by electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) using option 1 or 2 below or you may pay by credit card using option 3.

1 **E-file by Phone—February 13–April 15** Call toll free **1-888-796-1074**

Anyone who filed a tax return for 2001 or 2000 can file Form 4868 by phone. The telephone system will accept extensions any time from February 13 through April 15, 2003, and your extension will be good through August 15, 2003. Filing by telephone is advantageous because it is free and you get a confirmation number.

If you wish to make a payment by electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit), you will be asked for the adjusted gross income (AGI) from your 2001 or 2000 tax return. Your AGI for these years is located on line 33 of your Form 1040, line 19 of your 1040A, line 4 of your 1040EZ, or line I of your TeleFile Tax Record. If you choose, you may also file your extension by phone and mail a paper check to the address shown in the middle column on page 4.

2 **E-file Using Your Personal Computer or Through a Tax Professional**

Refer to your tax software package or tax preparer for ways to file electronically. Be sure to have a copy of last year's tax return

— you will be asked to provide information from the return for taxpayer verification. If you wish to make a payment, you can pay by electronic funds withdrawal (see page 4) or send your check to the address shown on page 4.

3 **E-file and Pay by Credit Card**

You can get an extension if you pay part or all of your estimate of income tax due by using a credit card (American Express® Card, Discover® Card, MasterCard® card, or Visa card®). Your payment must be at least \$1. You may pay by phone or over the Internet through one of the service providers listed below.

Each service provider will charge a convenience fee based on the amount of the tax payment you are making. Fees may vary between service providers. You will be told what the fee is during the transaction and will have the option to continue or cancel the transaction. You may also obtain the convenience fee by calling the service providers' automated customer service numbers or visiting their web sites. All calls are toll free. Do not add the convenience fee to your tax payment.

Official Payments Corporation

1-800-2PAY-TAXsm
(1-800-272-9829)
1-877-754-4413 (Customer Service)
www.officialpayments.com

Link2Gov Corporation

1-888-PAY-1040sm
(1-888-729-1040)
1-888-658-5465 (Customer Service)
www.PAY1040.com

Form 709 or 709-A. Although an extension of time to file your income tax return also extends the time to file Form 709 or 709-A, you cannot make payments of the gift or GST tax with a credit card. To make a payment of the gift or GST tax, send a check or money order to the service center where the donor's income tax return will be filed. Enter "2002 Form 709" and the donor's name and social security number on the payment.



File a Paper Form 4868

If you wish to file on paper instead of electronically, fill in the Form 4868 below and mail it to the address shown on page 4.

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For calendar year 2002, or other tax year beginning , 2002, ending ,

Part I Identification		Part III Individual Income Tax	
1 Your name(s) (see instructions)		4 Estimate of total tax liability for 2002 \$ _____	
Address (see instructions)		5 Total 2002 payments _____	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code		6 Balance due. Subtract 5 from 4 . . . _____	
2 Your social security number	3 Spouse's social security number	Part IV Gift/GST Tax —If you are not filing a gift or GST tax return, go to Part V now. See the instructions.	
Part II Complete ONLY If Filing Gift/GST Tax Return		7 Your gift or GST tax payment . . . \$ _____	
Caution: Only for gift/GST tax extension! Checking box(es) may result in correspondence if Form 709 or 709-A is not filed.		8 Your spouse's gift/GST tax payment	
This form also extends the time for filing a gift or generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax return if you file a calendar (not fiscal) year income tax return. Enter your gift or GST tax payment(s) in Part IV and:		Part V Total	
Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if you are requesting a Gift or GST tax return extension.		9 Total liability. Add lines 6, 7, and 8 \$ _____	
Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if your spouse is requesting a Gift or GST tax return extension.		10 Amount you are paying ► _____	
		Confirmation Number	
		If you file electronically, you will receive a confirmation number telling you that your Form 4868 has been accepted. Enter the confirmation number here and keep it for your records ►	